

and including a sloped portion extending labially toward the
archwire slot, and the occlusal ligating support means being
disposed within the mesial/distal extent of said occlusal
tie wing and including a sloped portion extending labially
towards the archwire slot, the sloped portions of the
gingival and occlusal ligating support means each comprising
laterally displaced sidewall portions and a bottom portion
which define a substantially arcuate surface.

15. (Once Amended) An edgewise orthodontic bracket
comprising:

a body comprising mesial and distal sidewalls;

gingival and occlusal tie wings extending from said
body and defining a labially opening archwire slot
therebetween, wherein said gingival and occlusal tie wings
are in a fixed position;

an auxiliary slot extending entirely through said body
from said mesial sidewall to said distal sidewall [from an
outer sidewall of said gingival tie wing to an outer side of
said occlusal tie wing]; and,

an auxiliary device having a shaft portion positionable
within said auxiliary slot;

said auxiliary slot and said shaft portion of said
auxiliary device having complimentary configurations wherein
rotational movement therebetween is restricted.